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SUBJECT: TURKISH ELIGIBILITY FOR GENERALIZED SYSTEM PREFERENCES (GSP)

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1. KARACA, HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INVITED ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR TO MFA NOVEMBER 11 TO CONVEY GOT VIEWS REGARDING DRAFT NOTES TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY OF GOT FOR USGSP. KARACA (WITH VURAL PRESENT AND CONTRIBUTING TO DISCUSSION) PROVIDED E/COM COUNSELOR WITH NEW DRAFTS REFLECTING CHANGES GOT PROPOSES.

2. CHANGES PROPOSED BY GOT FALL IN THREE CATEGORIES:
A. SOME CLARIFICATORY LANGUAGE WITH RESPECT TO TURKEY'S AGREEMENTS AND PROTOCOLS WITH EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.

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B. TURKISH WISH FOR DELETION OF LANGUAGE IN US DRAFT

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NOTING THAT "ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 502 (B)
OF THE TRADE ACT ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT IN DETERMINATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR
THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES."

C. REVISED LANGUAGE REGARDING THE TIMING ANDPROCEDURE FOR
ENTERING CONSULTATIONS IN THE EVENT OF CHANGES BY THE GOVERN-
MENT OF TURKEY IN THE FUTURE IN ITS TRADE MEASURES.

REVISED LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY GOT FOR EXCHANGE OF NOTES
TRANSMITTED SEPTEL.

3. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT GOT PROPOSALS REGARDING NATURE OF
ITS AGREEMENT WITH EEC WILL PRESENT NO PROBLEM FOR
WASHINGTON. E/COM COUNSELOR HOWEVER HAD LONG DISCUSSION
WITH KARACA AND VURAL REGARDING OTHER TWO POINTS.

4. TURKISH SIDE ARGUED STRONGLY FOR DELETION OF REFERENCE
TO "ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 502(B)" ON GROUND
THAT THIS WAS NOT NECESSARY BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY ALL PROVISIONS
OF TITLE V HAD TO BEMET IF TURKEY WAS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR
GSP. IF USG SHOULD SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINE THAT GOT DID NOT
MEET ALL OF ELIGIBLITY REQUIREMENTS IT WOULD BE UP TO USG
TO WITHHOLD GRANTING GSP, OR WITHDRAW GSP IF ALREADY
GRANTED TO TURKEY. E/COM CONSELOR POINTED OUT THAT THERE
WAS OTHER POTENTIAL PROBLEM WITH REGARD TO TURKISH ELIGIBLITY
FOR GSP THAT WAS OF GREAT CONCERN TO US GOVERNMENT, I.E.,
WITH RESPECT TO PROTECTION OF US PROPERTY INTERESTS IN
CYPRUS. THIS HAD ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED WITH MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO GSP (ANKARA 7947).
IN VIEW OF STRONG CONCERN OF US GOVERNMENT REGARDING
THIS ISSUE E/COM COUNSELOR SAID THAT THE LEAST THAT THE
USG WOULD REQUIRE IN THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES WOULD BE A REF-
ERENCE TO THE "ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 502(B)."
KARACA SAID THAT SUCH A REFERENCE IN AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES
BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE GOT COULD BE SEIZED UPON BY
ELEMENTS HOSTILE TO US-TURKISH FRIENDSHIP TO EMBARRASS THE
TWO GOVERNMENTS. E/COM COUNSELOR POINTED OUT THAT
SECTION 502(B) CONTAINED SIX SUB-PARAGRAPHS REGARDING
EXCLUDING PROVISIONS AND THE DRAFT LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY
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USG DID NOT SPECIFY ANY ONE OF THEM NOR DID IT MAKE ANY
REFERENCE TO CYPRUS NOR TO SEIZURE OF US PROPERTY, ETC.
AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION IN ABOVE VEIN, DISCUSSION
OF THIS POINT CONCLUDED WITH E/COM COUNSELOR STATING THAT
INCLUSION OF REFERENCE TO "ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF SEC-
TION 502(B)" WOULD BE ESSENTIAL FROM US SIDE AND KARACA
STATING THAT GOT HAD EXPRESSED ITS VIEW THAT THIS LANGUAGE
COULD BE LEFT OUT BUT WOULD AWAIT AND CONSIDER US RESPONSE.

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5. LENGTHY DISCUSSION FOLLOWED WITH RESPECT TO NEED
FOR ALTERNATELANGUAGE PROPOSED BY GOT IN EVENT OF FUTURE
CHANGES IN GOT TRADE MEASURES. TURKISH OFFICIALS INITIALLY
ASSERTED THAT GOT WAS NOT IN POSITION TO DETERMINE IF ANY
CHANGES IT MIGHT CONSIDER IN ITS TRADE MEASURES MIGHT
ADVERSELY AFFECT US TRADE. THEREFORE, US GOVERNMENT SHOULD
TAKE INITIATIVE TO NOTIFY GOT IF USG PERCEIVED ANY ADVERSE
EFFECTS ON US TRADE FROM CHANGES IN GOT TRADE MEASURES.
E/COM COUNSELOR SAID THAT IN EFFECT THIS SEEMED TO BE WHAT
WAS CONTEMPLATED IN LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY US, I.E., THAT
GOT NOTIFY USG OF PLANNED CHANGES ETC. AND "GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD IDENTIFY PRODUCTS WHICH ARE,
OR ARE LIKELY TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY
SUCH CHANGES." AFTER LENGTHY AND RATHER FRUITLESS DIS-
CUSSION AND EFFORTS TO GET TURKISH OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT
LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY USG, E/COM COUNSELOR NARROWED DOWN
GOT CONCERN TO TWO POINTS:

A. GOT DOES NOT WANT TO COMMIT ITSELF TO TAKE INITIATIVE
TO NOTIFY USG OF CHANGES THAT IT MAY CONTEMPLATE IN ITS
TRADE MEASURES. (VURAL ASSERTED THAT THERE IS VERY LITTLE
LIKELIHOOD OF SUCH CHANGES APART FROM MEASURES CONTEMPLATED
IN EEC PROTOCOLS). THE TURKISH OFFICIALS SAID THAT THE GOT
WOULD BE READY AT ANY TIME TO PROVIDE FULL INFORMATION ABOUT
ANY CONTEMPLATED CHANGESIF THE USG SHOULD REQUEST.

B. TURKISH OFFICIALS FELT THAT THE LANGUAGE OF THIS PORTION
OF THE PROPOSED US NOTE SHOULD CLEARLY INDICATE THAT THE
INITIATIVE FOR REQUESTING CONSULTATIONS, IF CONSIDERED NEC-
ESSARY, SHOULD REST WITH US GOVERNMENT.

6. E/COM COUNSELOR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EFFORTS
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BY MFA TO PROMPTLY CONVEY TO US GOVERNMENT TURKISH VIEWS ON
DRAFT EXCHANGE OF NOTES.
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